

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a task

3 force to study and review the recommendations in its study in response to House

4 Resolution No. 155 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature and to submit a

5 report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education

6 and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than January 31, 2010.

7 WHEREAS, in February 2009, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
8 Education issued a report to the House Committee on Education pursuant to House
9 Resolution No. 155 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature which directed the
10 Louisiana Department of Education to study certain issues relative to funding for charter
11 schools raised by the proposals in the substitute instrument to House Bill No. 973 of the
12 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, the report recommends that the board adopt the change to the Minimum
14 Foundation Program to base local share calculations for Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 charter schools
15 on current year revenues; and

16 WHEREAS, the report further recommends that the board continue to base the local
17 share of funding for Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 charter schools on the greater of the local share of
18 the Minimum Foundation Program or local revenues; and

19 WHEREAS, those conducting the study created simulations to analyze the effect of
20 the proposals on charter schools but failed to look at the effect of these proposals on the rest
21 of the district.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a task
3 force to study and review the recommendations in its study in response to House Resolution
4 No. 155 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature, in particular to include simulations
5 showing the impact on the entire district's funding that would occur if the Type 1, 2, 3, and
6 4 charter schools received their local share based on the local revenues of their home district,
7 and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on
8 Education and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than January 31, 2010.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recommends that the task force
10 be comprised of the following members:

11 (1) Two members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education,
12 appointed by the president of the board.

13 (2) The state superintendent of education or his designee.

14 (3) A representative of each of the following groups or organizations, selected by
15 the respective group or organization:

16 (a) The Recovery School District.

17 (b) The Orleans Parish School Board.

18 (c) The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

19 (d) Scott S. Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives.

20 (e) The National Association of School Boards.

21 (f) The Louisiana Association of School Boards.

22 (g) The Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appointed members of the task force shall serve
24 at the pleasure of the appointing authority and vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the
25 original appointment.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state superintendent of education shall
27 convene the first meeting of the task force no later than July 31, 2009, and shall designate
28 staff to assist the task force in performing its duties.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
3 superintendent of education.
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DIGEST

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HCR No. 168

Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a task force to study and review the recommendations in its study in response to H.R. No. 155 of the 2008 R.S. and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than Jan. 31, 2010.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds the La. Association of Public Charter Schools to the list of entities requested to be represented on the task force.

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill.

1. Removes legislators from the task force.